MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI: May I know whether there are cases of arrears of land revenue that are outstanding to be collected for a period of nine to ten years?

MR. M RAMACHANDRA RAO: May be, Sir, in a few cases.

MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI: May I know the reason for that?

MR. M. RAMACHANDRA RAO: I have already answered that question.

MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI: In such cases, are not coercive steps taken?

MR. M. RAMACHANDRA RAO: They are being taken.

MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI: Are not Government able to realise the revenue from the properties of the persons concerned?

MR. M. RAMACHANDRA RAO: In certain cases there will be nobody to bid for properties sold for arrears.

MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI: May I know whether it is a fact that the Government officers themselves are responsible for the arrears remaining uncollected in that they take interest in the persons concerned?

MR. M. RAMACHANDRA RAO: I do not subscribe to that insinuation, Sir.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR (*Karunagapalli* cum *Kartikapalli*): May I know, does not the increase in arrears of tax show the incapacity of the tax-payers in the matter of payment of land revenue?

MR. M. RMACHANDRA RAO: No, Sir.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: May I know whether is it because of the incapacity of the tax-collectors that such large arrears have fallen?

MR. M. RAMACHANDRA RAO: No, Sir.

MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI: In respect of the arrears of the tax in 1114, may I know how much of it has been collected?

MR. M. RAMACHANDRA RAO: If the honourable member will come to my office, I shall show the figures, Sir.

MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI: May I have an idea of the proportion that is collected in respect of the outstanding arrears?

MR. M. RAMACHANDRA RAO: I cannot say that now.

Registry of land near the 12th mile on the Quilon-Shencotta road.

316. * MR. KAVIYOOR K. K. KOCHUKUNJU (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether any one from among the backward communities has petitioned for the registry of eighty acres of land, set apart near the 12th mile on the Quilon-Shencotta road, in favour of members of backward communities?

MR. M. RAMACHANDRA RAO: The answer is in the negative.

MR. KVIYOOR K. K. KOCHUKUNJU: ഈ സ്ഥലം ഇപ്പോൾ പതിച്ചു കൊടുക്കുന്നതുകൊണ്ടു നിലയിലാണോ സ്ഥിതിചെയ്യുന്നത് എന്നു പറവാൻ മയ വുണ്ടാകുമോ?

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MR. M. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Yes, Sir.

Registry of land in Survey No. 292/1 of Kunnattur taluk.

317. *T. T. KESAVAN SASTRI (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether members of the backward communities have applied for the registry of any portion of the land comprised in survey No. 292/1 of Kunnata Muri, Enadimangalam pakuthi, Kunnattur taluk; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken in respect of these applications?

MR. M. RAMACHANDRA RAO: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The applications are under enquiry.

MR. T. T. KESAVAN SASTRI: അന്വേഷണം പൂർത്തിയായാൽ ഈ സ്ഥലം കൈവശക്കാർക്ക് തന്നെ പതിച്ചുകൊടുക്കുന്നതിനു മാർഗ്ഗമുണ്ടോ?

MR. M. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Yes, Sir.

Improvement to tanks.

318 *MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the total number of tanks in Kalkulam taluk;

(*b*) the number of tanks improved or restored in that taluk during the year 1115;

(*c*) the total number of tanks in the Vilavankod taluk; and

(*d*) the number of tanks improved or restored in Vilavankod taluk during the year 1115?

MR. M. S. DORASWAMI AIYANGAR: (*a*) 1,310.

(*b*) 26 tanks have already been improved and 12 tanks are taken up for improvements.

(*c*) 689.

(*d*) 20 tanks have already been improved and 5 tanks are taken up for improvements.

MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI: May I know from the member whether the Irrigation Department of South Travancore has recommended any tanks to be taken up for improvement and if so what are the number of such tanks in Kalkulam taluk?

MR. M. S. DORASWAMI AIYANGAR: The tanks that have already been selected for improvement are actually in the stage of improvement in respect of that locality.

MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI: May I know whether the special allotment of Rs. 20,000 proposed for irrigation works such as restoration of tanks has already been spent or yet to be spent?

MR. M. S. DORASWAMI AIYANGAR: A part of the amount has been spent, Sir.

MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI: May I know the proportion of the amount that has been spent?

MR. M. S DORASWAMI AIYANGAR: I claim notice.

MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI: Is it not a fact that a major portion of the amount has not yet been spent on irrigation works in that taluk?

MR. M. S. DORASWAMI AIYANGAR: I claim notice.

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